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REF: A. MOSCOW 10974 (NOTAL); B. PARIS 17367;

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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR VIMONT HAS GIVEN ME ADDITIONAL
COMMENTS ON SAUVAGNARGUES VISIT WHICH FOR MOST PART
CONFIRM INFORMATION IN REFTELS. ADDITIONS AND DIFFERENCES
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2. CSCE. VIMONT THINKS THAT THE SOVIETS NOW UNDERSTAND

THAT THEY CANNOT GET THE THIRD-PHASE SUMMIT UNLESS THEY DO SOMETHING ON BASKET III. VIMONT ALSO THINKS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT WAS HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD; HE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT MORE FORTHCOMING THAN HE WAS ON CSCE.

3. EUROPE. UNLIKE JOBERT'S ENCOUNTERS WITH SOVIETS, THEY DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE UNITY WITH SAUVAGNARGUES.

4. BERLIN. ALTHOUGH FEA WAS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME, IT WAS ON GROMYKO'S MIND. HE REGRETTED THAT NO MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY WESTERN POWERS AGAINST THOSE WHO VIOLATE THE QA; THE SOVIET UNION MUST REACT TO ACTIONS WHICH VIOLATE THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE QA. GROMYKO CAREFULLY STATED THAT SOVIETS "HOPE OUR PARTNERS IN FUTURE WILL BE MORE SEVERE SO THAT NO ONE WILL VIOLATE THE QA." VIMONT THOUGHT THIS MEANT SOVIETS ACCEPT FEA BUT WANT TO FORESTALL ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY OTHER SUCH AGENCIES.

5. PALESTINE. SAUVAGNARGUES ASKED BREZHNEV SOVIET POSITION ON ISRAELI FRONTIERS AND SPECIFICALLY PALESTINIAN STATE. BREZHNEV AVOIDED DIRECT ANSWER ON PALESTINE, SAYING MERELY THAT SOVIET UNION SUPPORTS INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL. HE SAID SOVIETS DO NOT KNOW WHAT PALESTINIANS WANT AND DO NOT HAVE RELATIONS WITH ANY OF THE PALESTINIAN GROUPS.

6. BREZHNEV'S HEALTH. CONTRARY TO COMMENT BY FRENCH EMBOFF (REF A), VIMONT THOUGHT BREZHNEV LOOKED TIRED AND SEEMED NOT AS DYNAMIC AS USUAL. HE SEEMED "DISILLUSIONED". TOWARD THE END OF THE THREE-AND-A-HALF HOUR TALK, HOWEVER, HE SEEMED TO PERK UP AND BY THE END WAS RATHER LIVELY. STOESEL

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